



City of Biggs

City Engineer
For January 23, 2012 City Council Meeting

Date: January 17, 2012
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Steve Speights, PE – City Engineer
Re: Monthly Activity Report

6th Street Bridge

Environmental studies have been completed and accepted by Caltrans. We expect Caltrans to take a couple of weeks to complete the paper work, then we can request that Caltrans authorize the next phase, Right of Way acquisition, permitting, and utility relocation.

Waste Water Treatment Plant

We have received comments from RWQCB on the draft Report of Waste Discharge and are in contact with their staff to clarify their needs. We should have the info they requested to them by the end of next week.

We have identified properties surrounding the waste water treatment plant that would be suitable for storage and land disposal of treated effluent and will begin contacting property owners to determine interest in selling to the City.

We are working with Dr Oakley at Chico State and the RWQCB to define a suitable Phase 1 project to reduce ammonia content in the treated effluent without building facilities that are not needed for land disposal.

The definition of improvements in each phase is needed before we can prepare grant/ loan applications. In addition to the USDA grant/Loan program, we are investigating the State Revolving Fund that may have loan funds available at attractive rates. There are advantages and disadvantages to both programs that may make it advisable to use both. Any loan program will likely mean an increase in sewer rates to pay off the loan.

SunWest

The improvement plans for phase 2 have been submitted, but not the plan check fee, so we have not started checking the plans. Phase 1 site has been paved and work continues on the scale and mechanic's buildings